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SUBJECT POST ADMINISTRATION

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1. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO SERVANTS' MAINTENANCE. THE ISSUE IS PAYMENT OF THE COST OF HOUSING FOR THE TWO MALE SERVANTS OF AMBASSADOR COOPER FOR WHOM THERE IS INSUFFICIENT SPACE IN THE RESIDENCE.
2. WHETHER THEY ARE HOUSED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE RESIDENCE IN EAST BERLIN OR IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE CITY IS NOT GERMANE TO THE ISSUE.
3. LOCAL LAW DOES NOT SPEAK TO THIS SUBJECT: LOCAL CUSTOM IS NOT TO HAVE SERVANTS; HEADS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS GENERALLY HOUSE SERVANTS BROUGHT WITH THEM IN THEIR RESIDENCES AND LOCALLY ENGAGED STAFF LIVE IN THEIR OWN HOUSES.
4. IN ABSENCE OF LOCAL LAW AND CUSTOMS, AND SITUATION IN WHICH AMBASSADOR COOPER CAN HAVE IN RESIDENCE ONLY TWO OF THESE FOUR SERVANTS HE BROUGHT, IS ONE REIMBURSEMENT APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIAL HOUSING FOR THE OTHER TWO AND ATTENDANT TRANSPORTATION COSTS? COOPER

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